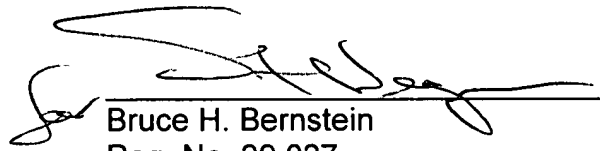


REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. The present amendment deletes references to element numbers, and places the Abstract in better U.S. form.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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